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AMCONSUL BILBAO

C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 6183

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SP, FR

SUBJECT: BASQUE PROBLEM IN FRANCE AND THE ETA

REF: BORDEAUX 0132

1. WE HAVE APPRECIATED BORDEAUX'S OCCASIONAL REPORTING ON THE BASQUE PROBLEM AND PARTICULARLY WISH TO HIGHLIGHT BORDEAUX'S MOST RECENT CABLE WHICH SHEDS ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEMS OF SPANISH-FRENCH COOPERATION, OR THE LACK OF IT, WITH RESPECT TO THE ETA TERRORIST QUESTION.

2. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, SOME SKEPTICAL OBSERVERS HERE HAVE SHARED THE SUSPICIONS THAT THE TWO POLICE AGENTS "DISAPPEARED" IN ORDER TO PROVOKE TENSIONS BETWEEN THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES AND ETA-MINDED BASQUES IN SOUTHERN FRANCE. AT THE SAME TIME, THE WEIGHT OF THE BELIEF HERE HAS BEEN THAT THE TWO MEN WERE ACTUALLY DONE IN AS ONE BASQUE BUSINESSMAN, WHO IS NO ADMIRER OF THE GOS AND ITS POLICE SERVICES, OBSERVED SOMETIME AGO TO AMCONSUL BILBAO AND EMBOFF, THE MOST LIKELY POSSIBILITY WAS THAT THE TWO MEN WERE KILLED AND THEIR BODIES

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DISPOSED OF AT SEA IN ORDER THAT THERE WOULD BE NO

TRACE OF A CORPUS DELICTI THAT WOULD GIVE THE  
FRENCH AUTHORITIES PROOF POSITIVE THAT THE ETA  
HAD KILLED ON FRENCH SOIL.  
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